EXHIBIT A

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF
ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE

No. 6417

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF
ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE
COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

STATE OF ARIZONA'S JOINDER IN MOTION TO SET PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

DATE OF FILING: APRIL 17, 2000

The State of Arizona joins in the Motion to Set Pretrial Conference filed by Claimants Arizona Public Service Company (APS), Phelps Dodge Corporation (Phelps Dodge), and Aztec Land and Cattle Company, (Aztec) and urges this Court to grant that Motion.

The State of Arizona agrees that the litigation of tribal claims and objections to tribal claims will require this court to address complex legal and factual issues. The early resolution of certain threshold issues and the appropriate phasing of the litigation may greatly expedite the process, reduce the costs to the litigants, and promote the efficient use of scarce judicial resources. A pretrial conference is the correct forum in which to establish appropriate pretrial procedures. The State of Arizona therefore urges this Court to grant the Motion to Set Pretrial Conference

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of April, 2000.

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